

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of downloading media content sent over a communication system to a mobile station, the method comprising:

requesting media content by sending a message with a header including a mobile identification number from said mobile station;

receiving a message with said media content, a reply Universal Resource Locator (URL) identifying a server, and a transaction identification at said mobile station;

temporarily saving said media content within said mobile station;

previewing at least a portion of said media content on said mobile station, the previewed portion of said media content being a specifically requested portion of said media content;

sending a primitive with said mobile identification number from said mobile station to said server identified by said reply URL;

receiving, at the mobile station, permission to save said media content in response to receipt of the primitive at said server; and

permanently saving said media content within said mobile station only when permission to save has been received from said server.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11 wherein said message with said media content, said reply URL and said transaction identification conforms to a Multimedia Internet Mail Extension (MIME) format.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11 further comprising sending a message from said mobile station to said server to update a usage record employing said reply URL when said mobile station uses said media content.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11 further comprising receiving a bill indicating use of said media content by said mobile station.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11 wherein said communication system includes a secure connection between said mobile station and said server.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of downloading media content to a mobile station, comprising:

- requesting a ring tune deck from a media server by entering a Universal Resource Locator (URL) thereof;

- providing a media deck corresponding to said ring tune deck to said mobile station;
- selecting a category from said media deck;

- providing specific links to ring tunes based on said category selected from said media deck;

- selecting a ring tune from said specific links to said ring tunes;

- generating a transaction number based on selecting said ring tune and sending a file that conforms to a Multimedia Internet Mail Extension (MIME) format with a ring tune and a reply URL to said mobile station;

- verifying a format of said file and temporarily storing said file within said mobile station;

- previewing at least a portion of said file on said mobile station, the previewed portion of said file being a specifically requested portion of said file;

- generating a primitive including a mobile identification number of the mobile station, the primitive being generated using said reply URL upon acceptance of said file and

sending an acceptance message to said media server;
creating a usage record from said acceptance message;
transmitting a confirmation reply message to said mobile station in response to receipt of the primitive at the media server;
permanently storing said file within said mobile station only when permission to save has been received from the media server; and
reporting and updating said usage record upon use of said ring tune employing said reply URL.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein said URL is selected from a pre-stored list of URLs.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 further comprising viewing a plurality of URLs on a special menu of a display of said mobile station.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 further comprising pressing a selected URL on a special menu of a display of said mobile station to invoke a browser thereof.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein said request includes a header with a mobile identification number of said mobile station.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein a carrier network routes said request to said media server through an Internet via a wireless application protocol gateway.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein said specific link to said ring tunes is shown on a display of said mobile station.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein said selecting said ring tune is performed by scrolling through said specific links to ring tunes using a scroll key and softkeys or depressing a key of said mobile station.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein said reply URL is programmably generated by said media server.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein said generating also includes generating a database record associated with said transaction number.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 wherein said file further includes said transaction number and a label tag.

27. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 further comprising discarding said file, listening to said ring tune or accepting said file following said act of verifying.

28. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 further comprising storing said usage record on a transaction server.

29. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 further comprising providing a credit based on selecting said ring tune.

30. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 16 further comprising updating a bill for said mobile station based upon said usage record.

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a memory device; and

a processor in communication with the memory device and configured to:

- request media content by sending a message with a header including a mobile identification number of the apparatus;
- receive a message including the requested media content, a reply Universal Resource Locator (URL) identifying a server, and a transaction identification;
- temporarily save the requested media content in the memory device;
- preview at least a portion of the requested media content at the apparatus, the previewed portion of the requested media content being a specifically requested portion of the requested media content;
- send a primitive with the mobile identification number to the server identified by the reply URL;
receiving, at the apparatus, permission to save the requested media content in response to receipt of the primitive at the server; and
- permanently save the media content within the memory device only when permission to save has been received from the server.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the message including the media content, the reply URL and the transaction identification conforms to a Multimedia Internet Mail Extension (MIME) format.

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a server comprising a processing element configured to:

- receive a request from a mobile station for a ring tune deck identified by a Universal Resource Locator (URL) of the ring tune deck;
- provide a media deck corresponding to the ring tune deck to the mobile station;
- receive a selection of a category from the media deck;
- provide specific links to ring tunes based on the received category selection from the media deck;
- receive a selection of a ring tune from the specific links to the ring tunes;

generate a transaction number based on the selection of the ring tune and send a file that conforms to a Multimedia Internet Mail Extension (MIME) format with a ring tune and a reply URL to the mobile station;

receive a primitive including a mobile identification number of the mobile station and including the reply URL indicating acceptance of the file by the mobile station following a previewing of a specifically requested portion of the file at the mobile station;

create a usage record from the received primitive indicating acceptance of the file;

transmit a confirmation reply message to the mobile station to thereby grant permission for the mobile station to permanently store the file within the mobile station; and

receive a report and update of the usage record upon use of the ring tune employing the reply URL.

34. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiveng a request from a mobile station for a ring tune deck identified by a Universal Resource Locator (URL) of the ring tune deck;

providing a media deck corresponding to the ring tune deck to the mobile station;

receiving a selection of a category from the media deck;

providing specific links to ring tunes based on the received category selection from the media deck;

receiving a selection of a ring tune from the specific links to the ring tunes;

generating a transaction number based on the selection of the ring tune and sending a file that conforms to a Multimedia Internet Mail Extension (MIME) format with a ring tune and a reply URL to the mobile station;

receiving a primitive including a mobile identification number of the mobile station and including the reply URL indicating acceptance of the file by the mobile station following a previewing of a specifically requested portion of the file at the mobile station;

creating a usage record from the received primitive indicating acceptance of the file;

transmitting a confirmation reply message to the mobile station to thereby grant permission for the mobile station to permanently store the file within the mobile station; and

receiving a report and update of the usage record upon use of the ring tune employing the reply URL.

35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a request from a mobile station for a ring tune deck identified by a Universal Resource Locator (URL) of the ring tune deck;

means for providing a media deck corresponding to the ring tune deck to the mobile station;

means for receiving a selection of a category from the media deck;

means for providing specific links to ring tunes based on the received category selection from the media deck;

means for receiving a selection of a ring tune from the specific links to the ring tunes;

means for generating a transaction number based on the selection of the ring tune and sending a file that conforms to a Multimedia Internet Mail Extension (MIME) format with a ring tune and a reply URL to the mobile station;

means for receiving a primitive including a mobile identification number of the mobile station and including the reply URL indicating acceptance of the file by the mobile station following a previewing of a specifically requested portion of the file at the mobile station;

means for creating a usage record from the received primitive indicating acceptance of the file;

means for transmitting a confirmation reply message to the mobile station to thereby grant permission for the mobile station to permanently store the file within the mobile station; and

means for receiving a report and update of the usage record upon use of the ring tune employing the reply URL.

36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for requesting media content by sending a message with a header including a mobile identification number from said mobile station;

means for receiving a message with said media content, a reply Universal Resource Locator (URL) identifying a server, and a transaction identification at said mobile station;

means for temporarily saving said media content within said mobile station;

means for previewing at least a portion of said media content on said mobile station, the previewed portion of said media content being a specifically requested portion of said media content;

means for sending a primitive with said mobile identification number from said mobile station to said server identified by said reply URL;

means for receiving permission to save said media content in response to receipt of the primitive at the server; and

means for permanently saving said media content within said mobile station only when the permission to save has been received from the server.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a server comprising a processing element configured to:

receive a request from a mobile station for media content by receiving a message with a header including a mobile identification number from the mobile station;

provide, to the mobile station, a message with the media content, a reply Universal Resource Locator (URL) identifying the server, and a transaction identification;

receive a primitive including the mobile identification number and a reply URL indicating acceptance of the media content by the mobile station following a previewing of a specifically requested portion of the media content at the mobile station;

create a usage record from the received primitive indicating acceptance of the media content; and

transmit a confirmation reply message to the mobile station to thereby grant permission for the mobile station to permanently store the media content within the mobile station.